

# Determining Author's Purpose

**A. Directions:** Read each passage. Identify the author's main purpose and write it on the line.

- 1. Democracy only works when we tell our elected officials what we think. So be sure and write or call them as often as you can, to make democracy work for you.
- 2. Autumn is my favorite time of year, and evening is my favorite time of day. There's something about these times that makes you realize how precious life is.
- 3. Obesity has become a huge (no pun intended!) health problem in our country. We should all try to eat healthy food and exercise regularly.
- 4. Being a vegetarian or vegan is really trendy these days. But I think it's unhealthy and unnatural.
- 5. The sixth century was the great age of Athenian black-figure vases. Dionysus, the god of wine, was a favorite subject painted on these ancient works of art.

**B. Directions:** Read the boxed passage. Underline phrases that are clues to the author's purpose. Then answer the questions that follow.

Learning to cook may seem tough, but the trick is to take it one step at a time. First, ask yourself: What do I like to eat? Cookies, for example, are a good place for beginning cooks to start.

Second, find an easy recipe to follow. Read it carefully, all the way through. Third, get out all your ingredients and tools, such as measuring cups and bowls, making sure you have everything you'll need. You don't want to find out half way through cooking that there's no flour in the house. Then you can get to work and find your rhythm. Last but not least, remember: Cooking isn't just about eating the results. Take your time, and savor the process!

- 6. What is the pattern of organization? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What is the author's main purpose in the passage? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. How well do you think the passage achieves the purpose? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_